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to evacuate,
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DISASTER
RESPONSE**

Jr. joins Navy Motorsports team

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U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to the dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46) search flooded New Orleans neighborhoods for survivors of Hurricane Katrina Sept. 6. Survivors and evacuees are brought to the ship where they receive meals, beds and medical assistance. Tortuga is currently moored at Naval Support Activity New Orleans in support of Hurricane Katrina humanitarian assistance operations. The Navy's involvement in the Hurricane Katrina humanitarian assistance operations is led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Department of Defense. Photo by PH2(NAO) Michael Watkins.



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Forging Ahead: *Prepared for Change*

Change is in the air. With the start of the new fiscal year upon us, a new CNO and one more year of recruiting behind us, now is a good time to take a look at some of these changes and get ready to meet these new challenges head on. Before I begin however, I would like to commend each of you for your strong performance in FY 05. Despite the growing challenges you face, you are stepping up to get the job done. I pledge that your leadership is working hard to ensure that you are postured for success and have the best tools to get the job done.

Navy Recruiting is at the top of its game but this is no time to become complacent. Looking at the leading indicators, we will continue to face challenges that will require our best effort.

The Manpower, Training, and Education alignment is big news for us. It provides us a new boss, Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel (DCNO-MPT&E), who is tasked to serve as the single resource sponsor for all manpower and training matters. This includes DCNO N1/NT, CNETC, BUPERS and the commands that report to each of these commands, of which we (CNRC) are now a part.

Now, what does all of this mean to you? It means,

for the first time, all of the processes and organizations involved in accessing recruits, classifying them, training and distributing them, all belong to one Flag Officer. This opens the door to eliminating historical seams in our processes, those impediments to making our jobs more productive and efficient. New opportunities will be opened to make your jobs more effective. This is an exciting development.

Vice Adm. Moran stated recently, "I want you to challenge all assumptions. It doesn't mean I can change them all, but I want to see all the policies that have been around since I was in this business (as an officer recruiter) on the table, so we can take a look at them and see what we can clean up."

On a more somber note, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and left destruction beyond belief in her wake. We all have been affected by similar catastrophes (blizzards in the North, typhoons in the West and hurricanes in the East) maybe not quite as extensive as Katrina, but nonetheless, ones that

have required the One Navy Recruiting Team to come together and lend support to our fellow recruiters and shipmates. While our thoughts and prayers are constantly with our shipmates who were directly affected by Katrina's wrath, it is incumbent upon the rest of the Navy Recruiting Team to pull up our bootstraps, dig in, and provide our support.

To briefly summarize, there were five commands affected: NRD Miami (initial landfall), NRD Montgomery, NORU, NRD New Orleans, and the Reserve Recruiting Region located in New Orleans. Thirteen stations were affected and metro New Orleans remains in a state of disrepair. Many Sailors' and civilians' homes were underwater or destroyed. This was our main area of devastation, but hundreds more felt the repercussions of this horrific catastrophe. President Bush said, "There's



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Photo by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond

Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command and NASCAR driver and team owner, Dale Earnhardt Jr., (right) with driver, Mark McFarland, (left) announced Aug. 23 at Lowe's Motor Speedway Charlotte, N.C., that the Navy will sponsor a new team owned by Earnhardt Jr., for the 2006 NASCAR Busch Series. Earnhardt Jr.'s new firm, JR Motorsports, will field a Chevrolet Monte Carlo Number 88 driven by McFarland and will carry the "Navy - Accelerate Your Life" primary sponsor logo.

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a lot of work to be done” and I echo these sentiments.

The situation, to say the least was and still remains critical, but we are on the road to recovery. Through the quick and efficient actions of several key personnel, we were able to effectively combine our resources to ensure mission accomplishment and continuation. I have seen the efforts of each and every individual involved and I greatly appreciate it.

We have faced similar situations in the past, and each time in the face of adversity you have proven what the One Navy Recruiting Team is all about ... this time was no different. Our fellow Sailors and other service members are continually answering the “Call to Duty” in Iraq, Afghanistan, aboard USS Iwo Jima, Shreveport, Tortuga, Grapple, and Bataan all deployed to aide in Katrina’s clean up, and other hot spots around the world on a daily basis. We, in the States, are able to enjoy our liberties and luxuries because of their sacrifices ... it is incumbent upon us to ensure the Navy and this great nation will continue to have the high quality Sailors available to answer the call. I am depending on each of you; your shipmates are depending on each of you. We will not let them down.

NASCAR is alive and well here at Navy Recruiting Command and we now have a new partner for the upcoming 2006 Busch Series. I’m sure many of you are familiar with NASCAR driver and team owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his new firm JR Motorsports ... well, his new firm, the new number 88 Chevrolet Monte Carlo and new driver Mark McFarland will all wear the Navy colors when the new Busch Series season opens next



Photo by JO1 Buddy Smith

Rear Adm. Fowler commends NRD New Orleans for their success and leadership in the merging of active and Reserve recruiting missions during his visit Aug. 10. He also fielded questions from the recruiters and civilians about the Base Realignment and Closure issues and updates in the overall recruiting mission.



Photo by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond

Rear Adm. Fowler speaks with NASCAR driver and team owner, Dale Earnhardt Jr., (right) and driver, Mark McFarland, (left) during the announcement of the sponsorship of a new team owned by Earnhardt Jr., for the 2006 NASCAR Busch Series Aug. 23 at Lowe's Motor Speedway Charlotte, N.C.

year.

Personally, I think it's a great step for all of us in Navy recruiting. It affords us the opportunity to reach influencers and new recruits at venues around the nation ... a win, win situation.

President Bush had this to say about NASCAR, “I appreciate the strong support that NASCAR’s drivers, crew members, and executives continue to give to our Armed Forces. By reminding your millions of fans that America’s heroes are the men and women who defend our nation, you’re reminding us all about the importance of serving a cause greater than ourself.”

Here are a few facts that will help you understand exactly why this partnership is good for the Navy and good for Navy recruiting:

- Public is less aware of Navy opportunities today. Influencers, especially mothers who are less likely to recommend military service, is down from 49 percent to 29 percent.
- Target audience has great affinity for sporting events. Navy also sponsors collegiate sports. NASCAR appeals to both target audience and influencers.
- NASCAR is America’s top spectator sport and the number two rated regular season sport on TV. Fans are among most brand loyal in all sports.
- NASCAR’s culture describes the Navy: high-tech engineering, teamwork, patriotism and family orientation.

-- FY06 new team sponsorship - owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. is most recognized name in sport. Team sponsorship announcement generated positive, nationwide press coverage via AP’s 1,700 media outlets.

Keep charging, Shipmates! I’m proud of your phenomenal efforts!



CPO Season of Pride



Photo by HM1 Dwayne Snader

Each year during the Chief Petty Officer Pride Season we seek to enhance the training and development of those selected to don the “khakis” as we shape the CPO Mess of the future. Across the nation the CPO Selectees and the Chief Petty Officers have been engaged in a wide range of activities from the refurbishment of museums, schools, hospitals, city

parks and housing, humanitarian assistance to hurricane victims, establishing a culture of physical fitness and a solid menu of professional training.

The focus of these evolutions is to instill teamwork and re-invigorate pride in service through the application of our Navy Core values — Honor, Courage and Commitment.

ABOVE: NRD Chicago CPO selectees joined forces with those from various Navy commands within the Great Lakes region for a trip to Chicago. The group held morning colors at the Navy Pier, followed by group marches through Chicago stopping at landmarks along the way to showcase Navy pride. CPO selectees (in blue) are accompanied and mentored throughout the day by members of the CPO Mess (in gold).

RIGHT: Chief selects Brent (left) and Franz of NRD Chicago participated in a day cruise aboard DENIS SULLIVANS, a Great Lakes schooner replica Aug. 30. CPO



Photo courtesy of NRD Chicago

Selectees engage in many activities designed to focus on the Navy traditions from honors and ceremonies to basic deck seaman skills and polishing brass.



CNOCM(AW/SW) Evelyn Banks
CNO Directed
Command Master Chief

Sailors Learn What They Live

As senior leaders, it is incumbent upon us to develop and articulate a vision of unity and respect within our organizations.

When our Sailors live with...
...fairness, they learn justice.
...acceptance, they learn teamwork.

...encouragement, they learn confidence.

...recognition, they learn to appreciate.

...tolerance, they learn to be patient.

When our Sailors know that we highly value each individual and his-her unique contribution to the unit, we earn their respect and loyalty. But more importantly, they learn to live out our core values of HONOR, COURAGE, and COMMITMENT.

CNOCM(AW/SW)
Evelyn “Vonn” Banks
Command Master Chief



Photo by HM1 Dwayne Snader



Photo by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond

TOP LEFT: Chief Selectees parade the colors at a White Sox game and flag unfurling at Cellular Field. Throughout the CPO Pride Season selectees are given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in ceremonies and Navy traditions.



Photo by Mr. Robert Sullivan

ABOVE: Chief petty officer selectees begin their first formation run of the CPO Pride Season at NSA Midsouth. The synergy of the "CPO Mess" is vital to establishing a culture of fitness in today's Navy. We rely on our Chief Petty Officers to execute the policies of our senior leaders through personal example. Establishing personal and command physical fitness programs now will yield gains for years in the future.

LEFT: NCC (sel) Mersareau (right) mans the phones along with fellow CPO select QMC (sel) Nickerson at the Red Cross emergency staging center for the Gulf Coast Region. Mersareau and his family evacuated their home in base housing in Gulfport, MS and relocated to emergency housing at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala. Nickerson is assigned to the MEPS Montgomery Testing Section and has teamed up with NRD Montgomery selects for the duration of the CPO Pride Season. Across the nation many of the geographically dispersed CPO Messes come together to combine resources and training opportunities to hone the leadership skills of the newly selected Sailors.

RIGHT: This year the CPO Pride Season was changed dramatically in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. The CPO Mess of Navy Reserve Recruiting Region played a vital role in the tracking, relocation, and support of command personnel and their families. When personnel were evacuated to points across Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, Chief Petty Officers for CNRRR immediately set up a "Command Post" at CNRC HQ in Millington to assist with command recall to verifying the safety of all personnel and their families. Due to their efforts, 100% contact was made of all personnel within 24 hours of Katrina making landfall. As conditions worsened in New Orleans, floodwaters disabled communication towers and cell phone communication became impossible. The senior enlisted members of NRRR (from left to right) Senior Chief Lopez, Master Chief Brickley, and Senior Chief Butterworth quickly pulled together, as Chiefs do during a crisis, assuming numerous roles in support of all affected personnel while keeping the command as operationally functional as possible.



Photo by PH3 Joseph Buliavac

Salute to Troops honors Sailors

**Story by JO1 Candice Hale
NRD Denver**

Sailors were honored at the Salute to the Troops 250 presented by Dodge at Pikes Peak International Raceway (PPIR) on July 23. Petty Officers Thomas Burke and Michael Davis were Honorary Pit Crew Members and served with the FitzBradshaw Racing (FBR) team in the pit.

The No. 14 “Accelerate Your Life” Dodge Charger, sponsored by the U.S. Navy, driven by David Stremme, started the race in 20th position, but experienced tire problems and finished in 35th position.

“We had a serious problem. We had flat tires,” explained Davis. “But even though the tires kept going flat, everybody worked together as a team, and worked fast, and Mr. Stremme was able to finish, despite the problems we faced.”

“Being with the pit crew was a

once in a lifetime experience,” said Burke. “The entire crew was very considerate and very polite, even though they had to be direct on what they wanted from us as honorary pit crew members. They

needed everybody to work together and work fast to get Mr. Stremme back on the track. He’s a great driver, but he’s only as good as his pit crew. It’s the same on the ship. No matter how good the Captain is,

he’s really only as good as his crew. The pit crew was awesome!”

Vice Admiral Justin D. McCarthy, Supply Corps Director, Material Readiness and Logistics (N4) OPNAV Staff was onsite for the race and agreed with Davis’ comparison of the pit crew to the ship crew.

“It’s exciting that all of what you see going on at NASCAR is teamwork at its best, and that’s what we do in the Navy.

Our success is dependent on teamwork, and I think it’s great for our Sailors to be able to share this experience and see the teamwork that goes on with this group. It’s also great for the Sailors to have an opportunity to experience the appreciation that the team reflects to them. It’s a great partnership.”



Photo by JO1 Candice Hale

Sailors salute during the Salute to the Troops 250 presented by Dodge at Pikes Peak International Raceway on July 23.

managed to be considerate of us and were extremely down to earth.”

Davis said the teamwork he witnessed as part of the pit crew relates right back to his experiences as part of a crew on a Navy ship.

“If there’s one thing that’s wrong, you need everybody to work together and fix it. We



Montgomery uses Pirate Festival to recruit

NRD Montgomery and the U.S. Navy Rock Band from New Orleans participated in the annual Fort Walton Beach Billy Bowlegs 2005 Pirate Festival June 3-6. Navy personnel participating agreed the event was a good opportunity to support the community and to participate in an event that allowed the Navy to make a good impression on people. “We’re representing something bigger than just the U.S. Navy Band New Orleans – we’re all representing the U.S. Navy,” band member, Lt. Jeff Wrenn said. Recruiters and DEPPers manned a trailer and used the “Sailor Sam” costume to attract visitors. Photo by Mr. Robert Sullivan.

Katrina forces Sailors to evacuate, adapt

**Story by Jeffrey Nichols
CNRC**

Four days after Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast area, President Bush deemed the devastation caused by the storm a national disaster.

The effects of the disaster spilled out across the country, touching millions in all walks of life, but it is only those who were in harm's way that could give an accurate account of the situation and what actually took place.

"I live in a big rental house off of St. Charles Street right in the middle of town," explained IT3 David Demeulenaere, stationed at the Navy Reserve Recruiting Region Command, New Orleans and a South Bend, Ind., native. "I was able to get out before the storm struck the city, but I'm sure everything that I have is destroyed."

Tens of thousands of evacuees are seeking alternate means of survival, fleeing to homes of friends and relatives, designated areas such as the Houston Astrodome, and other American Red Cross relief shelters.

"I was able to make it to a friend's home in Hammond, La.," continued Demeulenaere. "A trip that normally would take me less than an hour, took almost five. It was unbelievable."

People in Hammond are working together and providing support to Sailors like Demeulenaere who had to flee the path of destruction left by Hurricane Katrina.

"I was amazed at how the community of Hammond came together. One guy on our street had a generator, he


would run it for six hours to run his refrigerator, and then pass it on to his neighbor who would use it for a few hours and then on to the next neighbor," Demeulenaere stated. "It kind of contrasted what is happening in New Orleans, with the looting and all. There is a lot of hospitality there."

Not all victims were as fortunate as Demeulenaere. Many Sailors and their families were left with nothing and have to rebuild a life that took only a few hours to destroy.

"We realized how spoiled we were, after the lights went out. It sounds real cheesy how you take things for granted, but it is really true," Demeulenaere said. "Once it is all gone, you are grateful for everything you do have."

IT3 David Demeulenaere, evacuated from New Orleans, is now temporarily working at CNRC Headquarters in Millington, Tenn. Photo by Jeffrey Nichols.





BACKGROUND: U.S. Navy air crewmen, assigned to Helicopter Support Unit Pensacola, survey the damage from hurricane Katrina en route to Stennis Space Center, Miss., after leaving Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., to provide support and relief to victims of the hurricane Sept. 1. The Navy's involvement in the humanitarian assistance operations is led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with the Department of Defense. Photo by Mr. Larry W. Kachelhofer.

Navy Recruiting adjusts to Katrina devastation

**Story by Jeffrey Nichols
CNRC**

A week after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, Navy Recruiting personnel from the disaster area and all over the country are working together to help pick up the pieces, bring back some normalcy to their lives and resume their mission.

Working with its regional field activities, CNRC, has constructed a recovery plan led by Navy Recruiting Region South, Macon, Ga. The plans are to provide assistance to Recruiters, their families, DEPPers and

support the Navy Recruiting mission.

“Our number one priority is to take care of recruiters while supporting the Recruiting mission,” said Cmdr. Marshall Young, Deputy Commander, Navy Recruiting Region South. “The Navy is working with every recruiter, DEPPER and their families to meet personal needs and the needs of the Navy for the best situation possible considering the circumstances.”

The storm damage has required a temporary reorganization of the NRDs in the affected areas.

The operational areas in the

unaffected region of NRD New Orleans have been assigned to NRD Nashville and NRD Montgomery.

The hurricane affected areas in NRD Montgomery's region have been assigned to NRD New Orleans. This will allow NRD New Orleans, working from their temporary location in Baton Rouge, La., to concentrate solely on the recovery of all affected families, their houses and the recruiting stations. As a result NRD Montgomery and NRD Nashville can better support the Navy Recruiting mission with stations that were unaffected by the storm.

NRD Miami NROTC Team leads nation

Story by Lt. Josh Robbins
NRD Miami

The team of AO1(AW) Scott E. Bray and CTR1(SW/AW) Angel T. Rodriguez lead the nation in NROTC applicants for FY05. By developing a logical plan of attack and following through, they were able to go above and beyond their goal.

"The key to our success was market analysis from previous years," said Bray.

Through a thorough understanding of the target market, they were able to identify key individuals for a preliminary mail out at the end of FY04. The NROTC Team sent information to high school and college guidance counselors, Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine JROTC, Civil Air

Patrols, Sea Cadets, Boy Scout districts, Girl Scout councils and Health Occupations Students of America.

The backbone of NROTC

able to send 77 applications to CNRC for FY05.

"All you have to do is explain to the Academy applicants that NROTC can be a back up,"

Rodriguez said. "Take the time to call, send emails and explain to the parents how the process works."

Presentations are also an effective tool of getting the NROTC message out. High schools are a primary target. However, it is essential not to forget DEP meetings. Those with 70 AFQT and above are encouraged to apply for the NROTC scholarships

Through targeting their core market, being proactive and conducting routine follow-ups, the team of

Bray and Rodriguez were able to lead the nation in NROTC Recruiting.



Photo by Lt. Josh Robbins

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applicants however was sitting right in front of them. By utilizing the Naval Academy List, they were

In Memoriam: ***Regina Gail Davis*** ***1958 - 2005***

Navy Recruiting Region West lost a true friend with the recent passing of Mrs. Regina Davis, lifelong native of Oakland, Calif., and a 27-year Federal Employee having served in a variety of roles, most notably, as Executive Assistant at both NRD San Francisco and Navy Recruiting Region West.

A very moving and celebrative funeral service was held for Regina at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on Aug. 4 with numerous colleagues and friends standing to testify of her importance in their lives. A measure of her popularity was signaled by the number of family and friends who turned out for the service, which was a triumphant tribute to a woman who brought so much joy to the lives of many.

Even while coping with her illness, Regina showed a consistently positive attitude and a desire to serve others. A devoted and ever present member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, she invested much of her time serving several auxiliaries as supervisor of the youth usher board, member of the mass voices choir and as Vice President of the scholarship committee. In the local Oakland community, Regina was a local chapter member of the Order of the Eastern Star and member of Menelik Court Daughters of Isis. Remarkable by way of personal example and described by many as the one person who went out and did it, Regina was a key member of the Navy Recruiting Team for many years, and was an absolutely extraordinary role model for us all. Both her memory and example will live on as she left her mark on everyone who served with her.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her mother Alice Woods, father Thomas



Harrison, son Keith Davis Jr., stepdaughter Shelea Williams, fiancé Henry Anderson, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.



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Navy plus JR equals NASCAR excitement

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"We are very excited about further increasing our awareness through NASCAR in 2006 by an association with JR Motorsports and Dale Earnhardt, Jr., one of the most recognized names in NASCAR," said Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

Navy began sponsorship of the NASCAR Busch Series with FitzBradshaw Racing for 11 races in 2003 and subsequent full seasons in 2004 and 2005.

"We are proud of David Stremme and our FitzBradshaw team for their top-ten performance in 2005, which has more than doubled our exposure from last year," Fowler added.

"We wish David Stremme the best of luck as he takes his career to a new level in the Nextel Cup. We look forward to Mark McFarland moving up to the Busch Series to drive the Navy car next year," added Fowler. "These two drivers exemplify Navy's commitment to grow and develop quality young Sailors through service in the Navy."

For more information about Navy recruiting visit www.navy.com and for more information about JR Motor Sports visit www.jrmotorsport.com.



Photo by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond

Driver Mark McFarland, Rear Adm. Fowler, Lt. William Smiley, NCCS Jeff Priest, NC1 Heather Howard and NC2 William Jackson pose with the 2006 Busch series race car at Lowes Motor Speedway Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 23.

Coaching hoops all in a day's work for Phoenix ACR

**Story by JO1(SCW) Andrew Scharnhorst
NRD Phoenix**

The phone on Senior Chief Anders's desk rings. It might be an NBA team calling to offer him that head coaching position –

Well – okay, probably not. But anything's possible.

NCCS(SS) Patrick Anders, assistant Chief Recruiter for NRD Phoenix, is head coach – the *only* coach – of the Running Rhinos, a basketball team of ten rambunctious kids in a city just southeast of Phoenix.

His coaching origins are decidedly modest: he attended a parent/team meeting in November 2003, and – because he was the only one at the table with any knowledge of the sport (“I watched a few games,” he jokes, but in truth he played for Pittsburg [Texas] High School) – he's been coaching ever since.

Last year, Anders's rookie season, his team went 5-3. The Rhinos posted an identical record in a Saturday-morning league made up primarily of 8- and 9-year-olds this time around. Not bad for a team boasting the youngest player in the league: Anders's daughter Valerie, who's only 7. There is plenty of diversity in the National Youth Sports basketball league; exactly half of Anders's team are girls.

Anders derives a great deal of satisfaction from the volunteer position.

“I like watching each kid develop throughout the season – the improvement is amazing,” he says proudly. “They inspire me with their commitment to playing, their enthusiasm, and their hard work.”



Photo by JO1(SCW) Andrew Scharnhorst

NCCS(SS) Patrick Anders tells his Running Rhinos to focus on a specific part of their fundamentals during a practice.

Anders, a 17-year Navy veteran, admits to being a bit of a taskmaster.

“I work them extremely hard at times for their age level – sometimes to tears – but they always want to go the extra mile. They never give up, even when I think they're out of it.”

The senior chief has orders to take over as Assistant Chief Recruiter for NRD Portland in December, but he's already made a commitment to the 2005 fall league. The basics will once again be his primary focus.

“Always fundamentals before winning,” he explains, and he's delighted that every eligible player from this past season is signing back up to play again.

Anders says the Rhinos' teamwork and drive were their biggest strengths.

“For their age, they played more like a team than any team I've worked with,” he enthuses. “They were by far the most dedicated group I've worked with.”

The phone on Senior Anders' desk is ringing again. If it *is* the NBA, they can wait.

He's a Rhino.



Photo by JO1(SCW) Andrew Scharnhorst

NCCS(SS) Patrick Anders, coach of the Running Rhinos, works with 9-year-old point guard, Madison Senst, on her lane-blocking skills.

Recruits stand up to storm

**Story by Jeffrey Nichols
CNRC**

Navy recruits are not letting anything keep them from their trip to boot camp. As a matter of fact, many are asking to be sent early. On Sept. 9, eight Delay Entry Program (DEP) members from Louisiana, who were affected by Hurricane Katrina, left for Great Lakes Ill., to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Many DEPPers forced to evacuate their homes because of Hurricane Katrina have called the Navy trying to find out when they can leave to begin boot camp.

PN1(AW) Robert Castle of the CNRC Policy Shop, has been receiving calls from DEPPers wanting information on what they should do. Castle begins the conversation by asking DEPPers if they need anything, have enough food, water and when they would like to leave for boot camp.

"DEPPers are calling us, wanting to leave for boot camp as soon as possible," Castle said. "I am trying to reassure them that we are doing what we can to help them, whether that would be helping with rescheduling of their

ship (to boot camp) date, either earlier or later, or just get them transportation out of the hurricane area."

Mary Roser, a DEPPER from Kenner, La., was originally supposed to leave for boot camp on

Memphis, Tenn. Conerly has two brothers also in the Navy and attributes them for his choice of what branch to serve in.

"I was supposed to leave for boot camp on Sept. 20, but when the hurricane hit, we had no phones

and I did not know where any recruiters were," Conerly said. "Three trees hit my house and two penetrated my house,"

"An hour after the hurricane was over, people had bulldozers on the streets, clearing



Photo by Jeffrey Nichols

PN1(AW) Robert Castle of the CNRC Policy Shop, talks with DEPPers from Louisiana who were affected by Hurricane Katrina Sept. 9 at the MEPS in Memphis, Tenn.

Sept. 19, but found herself evacuating to a church shelter in Jackson, La.

"My mom called me on Sunday morning and told me that we were evacuating. We went to Jackson, La., and it got hit too," recalled Roser. "After that, I got in touch with a Navy Recruiting office. I knew my family was safe and knew my house was ok, so I just wanted to leave."

Cody Conerly, from Abita Springs, La., just north of New Orleans, celebrated his 18th birthday Sept. 9 while preparing to leave for boot camp from the MEPS in

debris and checking on their neighbors," Conerly continued. "My dad searched and called several hotlines looking for how to get in touch with the closest recruiting office, and finally got in touch with a Recruiting office in Memphis."

After finally contacting the Navy, Conerly's father drove for six hours to get him to the Memphis MEPS.

Roser is joining the Navy to be a storekeeper and Conerly is going to be an information systems technician.

Front cover: A Sailor assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) in Gulfport, Miss., provides security for the military dependents and civilian workers in an equipment warehouse Sept. 3. Military dependents and

civilian workers from the NCBC are relocated to the equipment warehouses as a temporary shelter following Hurricane Katrina. Photo by PH2 (NAO/AW/SW) Michael Sandberg.

Back cover: U.S. Navy search and

rescue (SAR) swimmer, AW1 Tim Hawkins, retrieves and evacuates a victim of Hurricane Katrina from a rooftop in New Orleans into an SH-60B Seahawk helicopter Sept. 5. Photo by PH3 Jay C. Pugh.

Best Stations In The Nation

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Region South
Small Station
NRS St Augustine
NRD Jacksonville
Medium Station
NRS Columbus East
NRD Ohio
Large Station
NRS Slidell
NRD New Orleans

Region West
Small Station
NRS Santa Cruz
NRD San Francisco
Medium Station
NRS Twin Falls
NRD Portland
Large Station
NRS Chula Vista
NRD San Diego

Region North
Small Station
NRS Saratoga Springs
NRD Buffalo
Medium Station
NRS Hickory
NRD Raleigh
Large Station
NRS West Chester
NRD Philadelphia

Region Central
Small Station
NRS Deerpark
NRD Houston
Medium Station
NRS Victoria
NRD Houston
Large Station
NRS Conroe
NRD Houston

Personal Achievements



Legion of Merit

CNRC HQ
Capt. Herbert R. Duff
Capt. David W. Faasse



Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

CNRC HQ
Lt. Cmdr. Joseph J.
McInerney



Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

NRD Chicago
IT2(SW) Sean D. Harty
MM1(SS) John W. Schepis



Meritorious Service Medal

NRD Chicago
Cmdr. Douglas R. Burton

CNRC HQ
Cmdr. Annette P. Cornett



Joint Service Achievement Medal

CNRC HQ
Lt. Gregory A. Pinkley

CNRC HQ
IT1(SW) Michael F. Dees
AM2(AW) Joseph A.
McDonald

NRD Minneapolis
EM1(SW) Scott J. Dugstad
EA2(SCW) Tou N. Vu
ABH2(AW) Beau J. Pepin
AME2(AW) Tricia L. Flaig

HM3 Michael D. Runels
DC2(AW/SW) Kyle V.
Nordlund



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

NRD Chicago
Cmdr. David R. Klain

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SK1(SW) Washington Jaramillo of NRD Philadelphia gets an autograph from Philadelphia Eagles cornerback, Lito Sheppard, during the team's training camp at Lehigh University, Pa., Aug. 11. The team sponsored a Military Appreciation Day for area military members, featuring breakfast, bleacher seats to watch practice and an autograph session after the morning session. More than a hundred Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Soldiers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey bases were invited to participate.



June 2005

NRD Atlanta

HT2 Ardrey
NRS Augusta

NRD Buffalo

OS1(SW) Joel
Lolkema
NRS Poughkeepsie
STS2(SS) Thomas
Manny
NRS Schenectady

NRD Chicago

PC2 Ruben Wilson
NRS Hyde Park
OS2(AW) Bruce
Golden
NRS Oak Lawn
OS1(AW/SW) Dale
Lawver
NRS Janesville
AT1(AW/SW)
William Sokolowski
NRS Crystal City

NRD Dallas

AO1 Barbara Kessler
NRS Midwest City
MR2 Shannon
McMeans
NRS South Arlington
MM2(SS) Dwayne
Brown
NRS Oakcliff
CTR1 Robert
Chambers
NRS Plano
NC1 Kacy Akins
NRS Lawton
NC2 Emanuel
Alexander
NRS Mesquite

NRD Denver

NC2 Thomas Burke
NRRS Fort Carson

NRD Houston

AO2(AW)
Christopher Bretz
NRS Tyler

BMC(SW/AW)

Trevor Davis
NRS Victoria
FC1 Aaron Davis
NRS Baytown
FC2(SW) Joshua
Furnish
NRS Katy
ABH3(SW) Gabriel
Gonzales
NRS Pasadena
CTO1 Jon Hammond
NRS Baybrook
DC3 Robert Kubiak
NRS Conroe
AO2 James Mayfield
NRS Baytown

NRD Indianapolis

AT2(SW)
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NRS Indy North
FC1(SW) John Huber
NRS Terre Haute

NRD Jacksonville

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Sheely
NRS Daytona Beach
ET1(SW/AW) Steven
Buhr
NRS Gainesville
ET1(SW) Kevin
Burton
NRS Sanford
CTM2(SW) Brett
Kaminski
NRS Melbourne
OS1(SW/AW)
Anthony Fuller
NRS Orange Park
NC1 Mark Boyd
NRS Orange Park
NC1 Paul Allen
NRS Mayport
NC2 Francisco
Freeman

NRS Mayport
NC2 Anthony
Johnson
NRS Cocoa Beach

NRD Los Angeles

AE1 Renar Awa
NRS Guam
GSM3 Jose Alvarez
NRS Whittier
MM1 Damien Collins
NRS Lancaster
ABF2 Joseph Lozano
NRS Lakewood
STG2 Oscar Ruiz
NRS Downtown
GSM2 Nathaniel
Simeon
NRS Norwalk
EN2 Michael Siordia
NRS Long Beach

NRD Miami

ABF1(AW/SW)
Richard Williams
NRS Temple Terrace
NC1 Cesar
Hernandez
NRRS Guaynabo
CM2 Audrey Dopson
NRRS Margate

NRD Minneapolis

EM1(SW) Scott
Dugstad
NRS Coon Rapids
EA2 Tou Vu
NRS Appleton

NRD Montgomery

AW1 Houghton
NRS Pensacola
AO2 Legendre
NRS Fort Walton
DC2 Bradley
NRS Auburn
NC2 Sanders
NRS Tuscaloosa

NRD Nashville

HM3 Robert Carver
NRS Rivergate
HT1(SW/AW)
Steven Martin
NRS Cookeville

NRD New England

FC2(SW) Philip
Rodda
NRS Springfield
FC2(SW) William
Lawrence
NRS Springfield

NRD New Orleans

ABH2 Gerald Dupree
NRS Houma
NC2 Delerick McNeal
NRS Alexandria

NRD New York

EM2 Juan Arroyave
NRS FT Schuyler
DT2 Samuel Garcia
NRS Floyd Bennett
Field
IT2 Timothy Martin
NRS Floyd Bennett
Field

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Gatewood
NRS Chillicothe

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NRS Columbia

NRD Phoenix

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Crabb
NRS Bell Canyon
DM2(SW) Jason
Dowell
NRS Desert Sky

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Goldsmith
NRS Morgantown
SH2(SW/AW) Jodi
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NRS Stroudsburg

NRD Portland

FC2 Christopher
Coonce
NRS Twin Falls

NRD Raleigh

FC2(SW) Kristian
Medd
NRS Hickory
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Fenton Williams
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Wilson
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NRS Clairemont
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Balbino
NRS Chula Vista
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Lauko
NRS Henderson
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